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SUBJ: ICAO: SAIGON FIR AND VIET NAM OVERFLIGHT

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1. AUGUST 17 USREP RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM USDLO HONG KONG REGARDING CONCERN ABOUT COMPETENCE OF VIENTIANE AND HANOI ATC POTENTIAL AND QUALITY OF VIET NAM ATC PROCEDURES (COPY BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM).

2. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AUGUST 17 WITH IATA REPRESENTATIVES VARIOUS FIR TROUBLE SPOTS WERE TOUCHED ON. IATA REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT PROPOSED \$14,000 VIET NAM OVERFLIGHT CHARGE. APPARENTLY IT HAS A SLIGHT ADVANTAGE OVER THE COST OF FLYING AROUND.

3. IN MEETING WITH SYG LAMBERT AUGUST 18 HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT EXTRAVAGANT OVERFLIGHT COSTS/VIET NAM BUT IMMEDIATELY POINTED OUT THAT VIET NAM WAS NOT A MEMBER OF ICAO AND THEREFORE THE FIRST QUESTION WAS ONE OF LEGALITY RATHER THAN CHARGE. USREP DID NOT PURSUE THE SUBJECT.

FYI: THE DEM REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WAS PLACED ON ICAO'S OFFICIAL "NON-CONTRACTING STATES" LIST FOLLOWING UN ACTION (SEE PRES WB/122, APRIL 5, 1976).

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